

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)
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10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently Amended) A cleaning article comprising: ~~at least~~
two sheets, at least one of which has a plurality of strips; and ~~at least~~
two layers of a fiber bundle,
wherein said two sheets are overlaid ~~and joined to~~ in a face-to-face
relationship with each other at two joining portions, ~~which define~~
defining a holding space between ~~the~~ confronting faces of said two
sheets, and said two fiber bundle layers are disposed on ~~the~~ cleaning
faces, ~~respectively~~, of said two sheets; opposite from said confronting
faces and are joined ~~thereto~~ to said two sheets at said two joining
portions.
12. (Original) The cleaning article as set forth in Claim 11, wherein said
strips and said fiber bundle layers form a brush portion.

13. (Canceled)
14. (Original) The cleaning article as set forth in claim 11, wherein said two sheets and said fiber bundle layers are further joined to one another midway between said two joining portions to divide said holding space into two parallel holding spaces, and
wherein the fiber extending direction in said fiber bundle layers traverses said two holding spaces.
15. (Canceled)
16. (Canceled)
17. (Currently Amended) The cleaning article as set forth in claim 16 19, wherein said fiber bundle layer comprises heat-fusible thermoplastic fibers.
18. (Canceled)
19. (Currently Amended) The cleaning article as set forth in claim 11, wherein a said sheet ~~for forming said strips~~ is ~~formed of~~ either a nonwoven fabric comprising thermoplastic fibers or a thermoplastic resin film.
20. (New) A cleaning article having a brush portion for collecting dust, comprising:
 - a base sheet;
 - a fiber bundle layer of filaments disposed on a cleaning-face of said base sheet, the individual filaments extending in one direction to traverse said whole fiber bundle layer; and
 - a cleaning-side sheet disposed on a cleaning-face of said fiber bundle layer, said cleaning-side sheet being cut from opposing edges to have a

plurality of strips oriented in the same direction as the filaments, said fiber bundle layer and said cleaning-side sheet being joined to said base sheet along a longitudinal centerline of the article so that said strips and said filaments have free ends on each side of said longitudinal centerline to thereby provide brush portions, wherein

a holding space, into which a hand of a user or a holder is to be inserted, is formed between said base sheet and a holding sheet disposed on a face of said base sheet opposite from the cleaning-face, said holding space being located above said fiber bundle layer and said cleaning-side sheet in a thickness direction of the article.

21. (New) The cleaning article as set forth in claim 20, wherein said base sheet is also cut from opposing edges to have a plurality of strips oriented in the same direction as the filaments.
22. (New) The cleaning article as set forth in claim 20, wherein said base sheet, said filaments, said cleaning-side sheet, and said holding sheet are all thermoplastic and fusion-bonded together along said longitudinal centerline of the article.
23. (New) The cleaning article as set forth in claim 22, wherein said fiber bundle layer is an opened tow that is laid on and cut together with said sheets.
24. (New) The cleaning article as set forth in claim 23, wherein said base sheet, said filaments, said cleaning-side sheet, and said holding sheet are coextensive in the direction along which said filaments and said strips are oriented.

25. (New) The cleaning article as set forth in claim 20, wherein said holding space is divided into two spaces each extending in a direction along which a hand of a user or a holder is to be inserted.
26. (New) The cleaning article as set forth in claim 25, wherein said holding sheet is joined to said base sheet along three parallel lines: one of which is said longitudinal centerline; remaining two are disposed at equal distances on each side of said longitudinal centerline.